

Appl. No. 10/579,799

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REMARKS

Applicants have further amended the specification and claims in view of the restriction requirement and election of species previously made. The specification has been amended to add the serial number of Applicants' copending application which is now believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the response filed November 16, 2009, with an RCE. Applicants have added new claims 13-36 to further define features of the present invention as fully supported by the specification as originally filed and which are directed to the elected invention. Claims 13-18 are supported by page 3, claims 19-26 by page 4, page 5, claim 27, claims 28 and 29 page, 6 of Applicants' specification. Claim 30 and 31, by pages 7 and 8, claim 32, page 9 as is claim 22. See also page 11 of Applicants' specification. Applicants most respectfully submit that all of the claims now present in the application are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. 112 and are clearly patentable over the references of record.

The Official Action is a restriction requirement in which it is urged that there are two separate and distinct inventions claimed in this application. Applicants elected the Group I invention, drawn to a method, which includes claims 1-9, and 12, without traverse. Applicants further elect Species A, method according to pages 14-15, and includes claims 1-9 and newly added claims . Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected inventions at a later time as well as the right of rejoinder of claim 12.

Also submitted herewith are copies of the references listed on the IDS filed in this application with respect to the International Search Report as sent to the USPTO. This completes the IDS and no fees are necessary.

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In view of the above, an early and favorable action on the merits of all of the claims now present in the application are most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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